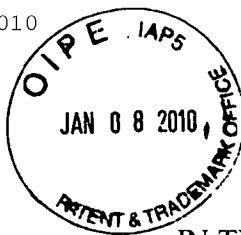


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AMENDMENT IN SECOND REPLY TO SIXTH AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated August 5, 2009, please take the following actions:

- (1) Please disregard and do not enter Applicants' Request for Reconsideration dated October 5, 2009;
- (2) Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Applicant provides **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Specific changes are indicated by underscoring of text additions, and by [[double bracketing]] or by ~~strikethrough~~ of text deletions.

Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Concurrent with this response, Applicants are tendering a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, and the fee for a Notice of Appeal, each at the small entity rate. Applicant believes that the amount tendered is correct, and that no further fee is due in connection with this reply. If this turns out to be erroneous, the Finance Division is authorized to debit or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1020 in the amount of the deficiency or excess payment.